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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Early Childhood and Human Services

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2924

Chair Hartman and members of the Committee-

I am writing in support of HB 2924. It is very important that the System of Care Advisory Council add more family and youth voice lived experience appointed seats. I would recommend one of the family seats is a parent of an Autistic youth that is non-speaking or a non-traditional communicator. It is important that our systems understand the experiences of our most vulnerable children who are incredibly misunderstood and struggle to get accommodations across settings and especially in our schools. It is critical that our systems do not turn to Applied Behavioral Analysis and other behaviorist approaches to support our Autistic youth as it is known to cause cPTSD resulting in the need for more system involvement.

Thank you,
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